GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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INDIA `S WITHDRAWAL FROM MEMBERSHIP OF INTERNATIONAL JUTE ORGANISATION .
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has withdrawn its membership from International Jute Organisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the main reasons therefor;

(c) whether India has since taken a decision to rejoin UN body; and

(d) if so, the conditions and circumstances which compelled India to rejoin this body?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES

(SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. India had withdrawn from the membership of International Jute Organisation (IJO) w.e.f. 22nd April, 1998 as it was felt that the Organisation has failed over the years to contribute in meaningful way towards development of jute. Further there was a tendency on the part of some member nations to dilute the next jute agreement in favour of importing nations and under mine the interest of India as regards our role in the Organisation.

(c)& (d) Yes, Sir. India has since rejoined IJO w.e.f. 23rd December, 1999 since it was felt that India`s staying away could have led to the liquidation of IJO w.e.f. 11 April, 2000. India`s rejoining is also based on the understanding that its concerns will be addressed in the new agreement.